

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue.

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Congratulations to the 2015 Graduates!

May God's richest blessings accompany you, and guide your life each day.



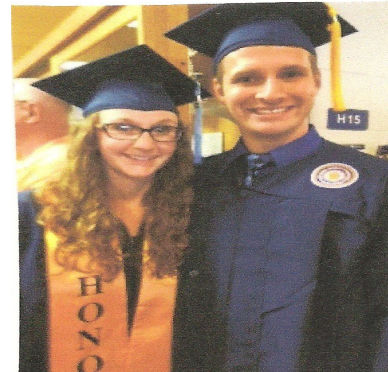
Zoe Merrill
Parkersburg South High School



Kelsay Proffitt
Parkersburg South High School



Caleb Vincent
Milton-Union High School
Grandson of Dearll and Carol Vincent



Sarah Gray and Bret Wilcox
WVU—P Graduates
Sarah - Bachelor of Arts Elementary Education
Bret - Bachelor of Applied Science Criminal Justice



Grayson Harper
Pre Kindergarten
Granddaughter of Tim and Nancy Proffitt

Picture not available
Zack Taylor
Parkersburg South

Elders:
Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:
Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Keith Smith
Jeff Taberner
David Wadlington

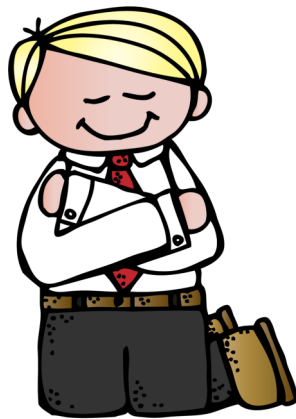
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Pray often

THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER.

Carol Vincent is recuperating at home.
Remember her in your prayers and with cards.
No visits, please.
Her address is: 2710 14th Avenue
Vienna, WV 26105

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Hazel Cozad, Jim Dailey, Patty Dawson,
Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell,
Carol Vincent

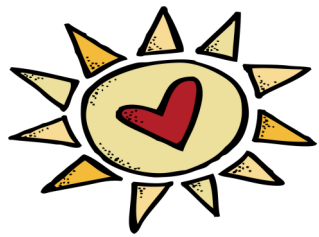
Prayers requested for family and friends:

Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Diane Conrad
(Caplinger's neighbor), Treva Daggett, Annette Dearth (Peggy Dearth's
daughter-in-law), Bill Hofmann, James Jacobs (Clayton and Verna Huber's
grandson), Lisa Melrose (Member at Sunrise congregation), Lisa Osbourne (Steve
Moser's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's
cousin), Rick Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's son-in-law), Randy Ware (Jenny's
husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Please call the office to add or update names on the Prayer List.



♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I appreciated them very
much. **Jay Chevront**



there is sunshine
in my soul today

WEDDING SHOWER

The wedding shower for Sarah Gray and Bret Wilcoxon will be this Tuesday at 7:00PM in the MP Room. They are registered at Kohl's and Wal-Mart.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ICE CREAM PARTY

Everyone is invited to celebrate the end of the school year with an ice cream party in the MP Room after Bible study next Wednesday evening. Ice cream items are still needed. Sign-up sheet on the counter.

LADIES LUNCHEON

All ladies are invited to meet Thursday, June 11 at noon at Shoney's.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, June 30 at the Haid's cabin. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

BASEBALL TRIP TICKETS

Rick Stanley has tickets available for the baseball trip to Cincinnati July 17.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

Each family is asked to take a coin bank home and fill it over the next 3-4 months. The money raised helps take care of the daily expenses of the children. The banks are available in the front and rear foyers.

CHURCH CALLING SYSTEM

If you are not receiving the Friday night call from the church office and would like to, please call the office. If you would like the call to go to a different telephone number, please let us know. We had to rebuild the calling system telephone records due to our computer issues.



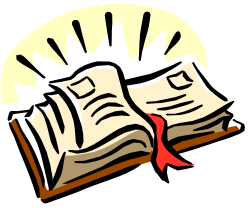
Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:30 for the sing at the 36th Street congregation in Vienna.



Daily Bible Reading

June 7—John 12:27-50, 2 Kings 18-19
June 8—John 13:1-20, 2 Kings 20-21
June 9—John 13:21-38, 2 Kings 22-23
June 10—John 14:1-14, 2 Kings 24-25
June 11—John 14:15-31, 1 Chronicles 1-2
June 12—John 15, 1 Chronicles 3-5
June 13—John 16, 1 Chronicles 6
June 14—John 17, 1 Chronicles 7-8



I Want to Go to Heaven

I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN TO SEE PEOPLE I MISS, AND CONTINUE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PEOPLE I LOVE. My desire for heaven gets stronger with each trip to the cemetery. The older we grow the more we talk about the people of the past. At some point we realize that we have more loved ones on the other side than we have here.

The Old Testament recognizes this truth and often uses the expression that one “was gathered unto his people” (Genesis 25:8, 17; 35:29; 49:33; Numbers 20:24; 27:12-13.) When Jacob thought Joseph was dead, he longed to see him (Genesis 37:35), and no doubt longed more for heaven than he had before. David wanted to go to heaven to see his son that lived only a short time (2 Samuel 12:22-23). Personally, I want to see grandparents, elders I’ve served under, my teachers and mentors, preachers I have known and respected, and fellow Christians with whom I’ve worshipped and worked. I can see them in my mind’s eye lining the shores of the Jordan to welcome my boat as it arrives!

Further, I want to go to heaven so I can continue relationships with the people I love. The only way we can continue a relationship with a spouse, children, parents, grandparents, extended family, brothers and sisters in Christ, and friends is to go to heaven together.

Jesus explained that we will not remain married in heaven (Matthew 22:30), but we will know one another there. Abraham was still Abraham and Lazarus was still Lazarus there (Luke 16:23). They knew each other, although they had never met on earth. Peter, James and John recognized Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:3-4). Paul told the Thessalonians that when Jesus returned, He would bring with Him the spirits of their loved ones who had died as Christians (1 Thessalonians 4:14). Those spirits would be recognizable, or these words would not have comforted them (4:18).

I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN SO I CAN BE FREE OF THE FEAR OF DEATH. I’ll be honest: I don’t look forward to dying. I’ll have to do it once to get out of this world (unless Jesus comes), but I surely don’t want to do it twice! And we won’t have to, for “the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death” (1 Corinthians 15:26). *Death* is used 904 times in the Bible (in various forms). The next to last time is Revelation 21:4, which says that death will come to an end in heaven. The hearse will have made its last trip. There will be no more funeral services, and tearful good-byes. There are no hillsides dotted with the markers of loved ones in heaven, for no one ever dies there!

I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN TO SEE MY FATHER. I have preached sermons on heaven now for a quarter century. The content of those sermons has changed little through the years, but the emphasis has. It used to be more about mansions, crowns, reunions, and rewards. Now it is more about who will be there than what will be there.

Someone observed, “What makes heaven heaven is God.” The greatest treat of Paradise was not the climate or the fresh fruit; it was that God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day (Genesis 3:8). He didn’t just create them, put them in their garden, and forget them. He spent time with them.

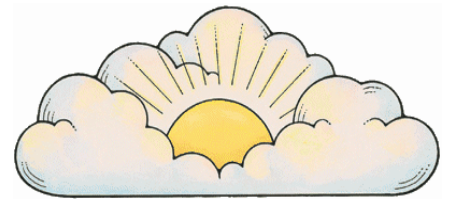
That’s what heaven will be like. God will spend time with each one of us. John heard a great voice out of heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God” (Revelations 21:3).

The most wonderful aspect of heaven will be the presence of the divine Godhead—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Revelation 1:4-5). God is clearly the focus of heaven. The four living creatures John described constantly worshipped Him, saying, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come” (Revelation 4:8; cf. 4:10-11; 5:9).

R. G. Lee observed, “Heaven is the most marvelous place the wisdom of God could conceive and that the power of God could prepare.”

Why I Believe In Heaven

(Revelation 21:2-7; 22:1-5)



Heaven is the Christians one _____. “In my Father’s _____ are many _____. . . I go to prepare a _____ for you.” (John 14:2)

Heaven is a place of great beauty. The emotional impact of heaven’s beauty: “Then I, John, saw the holy city, the New _____, coming down out of _____ from God, prepared as a _____ adorned for her husband.” (Revelation 21:2) “Having the _____ of God.” (Revelation 21:11)

Heaven is a place of comfort. “And God will _____ away every _____ from their eyes; there shall be no more _____, nor _____, nor _____; and there shall be no more _____, for the former things have _____ away.” (Revelation 21:4) In heaven will be the _____ of life. “The _____ of the tree were for the _____ of the nations.” (Revelation 22:2)

Heaven will be a place of security. “But the _____, unbelieving, abominable, _____, sexually immoral, sorcerers, _____, and all _____ shall have their part in the like with burns with fire.” (Revelation 21:8) “Its gates shall not be _____ at all by day (there shall be no _____ there).” (Revelation 21:25)

Heaven will be a place of _____. “For what is our _____, or joy, or crown of _____? Is it not even you in the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?” (I Thessalonians 2:19) “But, now he is dead... can I bring him _____ again? I shall _____ to Him.” (II Samuel 12:23)

Heaven is a place of eternal fellowship with God. “Behold the _____ of God is with men, and He will _____ with them, and they shall be His _____, and God Himself will be _____ them and be their God.” (Revelation 21:3)

What will it be like in Heaven? “The _____ of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His _____ shall serve Him. They shall see His _____, and His name shall be on their _____.” (Revelation 22:3-4) “But we know that when He is revealed, we shall be _____ Him, for we shall see Him as He _____.” (I John 3:2)

Who will be in Heaven? “Blessed are those who do His _____, that they may have the _____ to the tree of life, and may _____ through the gates into the _____.” (Revelation 22:14)



Where I Want To See You Next Time!

Recently while eating in a restaurant I overheard a conversation among some men. I don't recall the specific words but as one of them prepared to leave he mentioned that he hoped to see them again. One of them responded by saying that he hoped the next time he saw him it would be right here at the same place. That got me to thinking about a possible article that I could write, so here it is.

We meet people in a wide range of places under a variety of circumstances. We meet them during times such as illness, loss of loved ones, dealing with some emotional stress, school, work, shopping and during worship. I know you can think of other times and places but I think you get the picture. Some of those times of being together are wonderful and we certainly would want to see others again in a similar situation.

There are however those times when I wouldn't want to see that person again in the place I left them. (1) If I had spent time with someone who was not a Christian, I would like to think by the next time we met they would have obeyed the gospel. Better yet, I would hope that I had taken time to teach them and encourage them in the way of the Lord. (2) If I last saw someone struggling with their health I would hope to see them next time healthy and happy. (3) I would not like to repeat a visit to a funeral home to see you again because you had lost another loved one. (4) If I had parted ways with someone on bad terms I would hope the next meeting we had would be to mend our differences. (5) I would not want to be seen in a wrong place or doing wrong things. Some of those we meet we will never see again on earth or in heaven.

Life is so uncertain as most of us have experienced so it is important to make the best of the moment we have. What would we do before parting if we knew we would not see one another again? Paul, the apostle, and some elders of the church faced this dilemma. *"And when he had thus spoken he kneeled down and prayed with them all. And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see him no more"* (Acts 20:36-38). All of God's faithful can say, "I hope to see you again here on earth but if not then we will meet in a far better place."

Just a thought: Where would you like to see (name) again?

Youth Events

Columbus Zoo Trip

Transportation will leave Saturday, June 13 at 7:00AM for the Columbus Zoo. The fee will be \$21.00 each. This includes admission and fuel fee.

See Todd Kirk for more details.

Sign-up sheet on the counter.

6th—12th Grade Devotional

There will be a devotional Sunday, June 14 after evening services in the MP Room for the 6th-12th graders.

Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp at Camp Hervida

Senior Week (Ages 14-19) June 14-19

Junior Week (Ages 8-11) June 21-26

Intermediate Week (Ages 11-14) June 28-July 3

Registration forms available in the foyers.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Have you ever received an e-mail message that was accidentally sent to you by mistake! Can you imagine the embarrassment of the sender if the message you received was one that was not intended for anyone else to read? I think the following examples are filled with some similar yet very valuable lessons:

First, life presents us with many opportunities to practice the Golden Rule. Let this serve as a reminder to “do unto others what you would have them do to you”.

Second, Mom knew what she was talking about when she said, “If you don’t have something good to say about someone, then don’t say anything at all.” We have all heard that advice before, but do we always practice it? Always remember this: “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others” (Ephesians 4:29).

Third, surround yourself with good friends. A gossip reading an email with personal information might spread it around to others. But good friends don’t do something like that.

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, June 14

ELDER IN CHARGE—Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE—Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht

PM—Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Brian Haught

Close—Paul Inman

6:00 PM—Todd Kirk

Close—Bill Lemley

SCRIPTURE

AM—Donovan Walton

PM—Ben Haught

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Kody Inman

PM—Ron Riddle

Doug Hershman

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray



God Sent His Servant To Bless You

When Peter preached to a crowd in Jerusalem, he ended with this statement. *“For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning everyone of you from your wicked ways”* (Acts 3:25).

Jesus came down to bless. Part of the blessing was to turn sinners away from their wicked ways. We don’t always appreciate it when a friend or brother rebukes us from sin, but it really is a blessing.

We can look at it from the other side too. When you help turn someone away from sin, you have blessed them, or have been part of the blessing process.

When we visit, meet with, talk with someone, let us do our best to bring every blessing we can into their life. *“Not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing”* (1 Peter 3:9).

Look for ways to be a blessing to others this week. You’ll be blessed too!

Adapted from article in Bulletin Digest

OVU SOJOURNERS’ LECTURESHIP/WORKSHOP

June 8—18

Theme: “HEROES OF THE FAITH” - Hebrews 11

Flyer on the foyer bulletin boards with details.

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.



They include
Delmas Carr,
Bill Hoover,
Barry Hupp and
Todd Kirk.

Facts and Figures

May 31, 2015

AM Service.....294

Bible Study.....210

PM Service.....233

Wednesday.....219

Contribution\$7978.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....1

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Watch

“IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY”

each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP, WCWP local Sunday at 7:30AM, Dish Channel 239 Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV channel 307 Sunday 7:00AM, Local cable Channel 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM

UPCOMING PROGRAM

June 14

TRUSTWORTHY